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## Position Paper

# Private Sector Perspectives on Climate Action in Agriculture within the Sharm El Sheikh Joint Work on the Implementation of Climate Action in Agriculture and Food Security (SSJW)

The Private Sector Mechanism of the Committee on World Food Security emphasizes the critical need for sustainable agricultural practices to tackle climate change and ensure food security. We believe that the Sharm El Sheikh Joint Work on the Implementation of Climate Action in Agriculture and Food Security is a key platform for driving effective climate action in agriculture. We advocate for accelerating the negotiations under the SSJW to urgently address the sector's distinct climate challenges and support focused approaches to climate mitigation and adaptation in agriculture.

**Response to COP28 Outcomes:** The progress made in the SSJW process has yet to fully leverage the wide support for transforming food systems, as highlighted by the Emirati Declaration. The results from the COP28 meeting in Dubai fell short. There is a clear political desire to reform food systems, but the difficulty lies in turning this desire into practical, technical results. It's vital that the energy from COP28 be effectively channelled to achieve concrete advances at the Bonn meeting in June 2024.

**Emphasis on Efficient Cooperation:** We urge parties to prioritize collaboration and constructive action, setting aside prolonged deliberations on establishing a coordination group. The substantial time devoted to this topic in prior subsidiary bodies' meetings has not been productive. It is essential to shift the focus to the critical technical work necessary for impactful climate action in agriculture and food security. This approach is vital to maintain the confidence of all key stakeholders in the process and ensure progress.

**Urgency in Addressing Key Matters:** We urge parties to expedite discussions and foster efficiency in addressing matters related to the online portal, the annual synthesis report, and the three-year roadmap. Swift action is essential to capitalize on the political will expressed at COP28 and to ensure tangible progress in climate action for agriculture and food security.

**Selecting future workshop topics:** Recognizing the value of the proposals made in the discussions among Parties in the previous sessions, we urge parties to find a compromise to agree on the following options for thematic workshop discussions in the frame of the SSJW:

- **Workshop 1:** Focus on scaling up finance, technology, and capacity-building for enhancing agriculture and food security.
- **Workshop 2:** A comprehensive exploration of approaches to sustainable agriculture and food security, including a variety of practices from agroecology to the integration of artificial intelligence in agriculture.
- **Workshop 3:** Promoting cooperative efforts and synergies in measuring, monitoring, reporting, and verifying the impact of climate action on agriculture and food security.

**Inclusive Engagement with Non-State Actors:** We encourage parties to actively engage non-state actors in the processes related to SSJW, including workshops. Collaboration with civil society, the private sector, and other stakeholders is essential to ensure a holistic approach and to harness collective expertise in addressing the challenges posed by climate change in agriculture and food security.